

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, May 24, 2001

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, You glory in Your people even more than the artisan or craftsman delights in the work of their hands. More than a parent takes joy in the graduation of a son or daughter, do You glory in us as Your children.

May we in turn prove worthy of Your love and attention by listening and caring for one another and the generation to come. May this House and this Nation prove truly responsive to present needs and responsible for future results. Guide us by the spirit of freedom so that we may prove to be Your model for other nations.

We call out to the world to rejoice with us and to learn from us.

O praise the Lord, all you nations; acclaim Him, all you peoples. Strong is His love for us; He is faithful forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. POMEROY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. POMEROY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELLEN KEMPLER ON HER SELECTION FOR INDUCTION INTO NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to congratulate Ms. Ellen Kempler, a teacher at MAST Academy in my congressional district, who was one of five exceptional educators recently inducted into the 2001 National Teachers Hall of Fame.

As a former teacher, I know that no reward is greater than impacting the lives of students.

It is evident that Ms. Kempler has been an inspiration to her students. As one student stated, she has the gift of finding talent and academic strength in every student and inspires them to express it in a positive way.

Ms. Kempler, presently a 9th grade English and a 12th grade ethics and leadership teacher, is committed to excellence in education. She states, "Life is a huge relay race. I am alive and carrying the baton now. The future depends on me as surely as my generation depended on our teachers and their teachers and their teachers."

Ms. Kempler is an exemplary educator and a role model whom her students should hope to emulate. I ask that my congressional colleagues join me in commending Ms. Ellen Kempler for her success and for having been selected for induction into the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

A COMMITMENT TO ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE

(Mr. CUMMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, some people believe election reform is a dead issue, but I stand here today to state that it is alive and I have taken the first step. I have taken the first step in recognizing that during the 2000 presidential election, the principle of one person, one vote was abandoned, resulting in the disenfranchisement of thousands of citizens. I have taken a first step in recognizing that our current doctrines and laws, namely our Constitution and the Voting Rights Act, provide guarantees against many of the discriminatory violations that occurred during the election. I have taken the first step, Mr. Speaker, by

introducing a resolution, H. Res. 139, which confirms this body's commitment to these doctrines and calls for their vigorous enforcement.

What better way to restore the American people's faith in government and the principle of one person, one vote than to confirm our commitment to our current laws as a foundation to election reform. This is the first step.

I urge my colleagues to take the first step with me. Cosponsor H. Res. 139 and confirm their commitment to the principle of one person, one vote.

MEMORIAL DAY MEMORIAL

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, this week we will be returning back to our home districts for the Memorial Day District Work Period. Today I wanted to take this opportunity to thank those men and women for whom we celebrate Memorial Day every year. Most other national holidays would have no meaning if it were not for the sacrifices we honor on Memorial Day. This day of recognition represents why so many sons and daughters of our land and other lands have dreamed of being Americans. No other nation has sacrificed so much to secure not only its freedom but that of other nations.

We honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom, not only out of respect and gratitude but because heroes will always be needed and treasured. Younger generations need to know the price our heroes have paid, and the souls of those who have paid that price need to know it was not made in vain.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly salute our heroes.

OUR TRADE PROGRAM BEARS THE LABEL, MADE IN CHINA

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, China is now taking \$100 billion in trade surplus from America. Even our trade program bears the label, made in China. What is even worse, China considers America the enemy and China actually held Americans hostage. Now if that is not enough to scare Freddy Krueger, recent reports say China illegally bought U.S. microchips to build new